The construction of Interstate 5 in the mid-1960s dramatically transformed the landscape of Seattle, segregating two halves of the city. Our team imagines the urban fabric restitched from Olive Way to just beyond Thomas Street. Using geological landforms as inspiration, we see the lid reconnecting the Capitol Hill, Cascade and downtown neighborhoods while providing much needed affordable housing and recreation space for downtown residents.

The north entry to the lid is reminiscent of a CAVE, transitioning vehicles underneath the new landform and providing a landscaped buffer for residents above. The steep, CRAG-like transition from the top of the lid to Eastlake Avenue is softened with a pedestrian and bicycle ramp and retail programming. To bridge across Denny Way, an elevated ARCH provides bicyclists and pedestrians a safe connection and views of the city to the west. A 400' tower rises just beyond like a pinnacle of weathered rock, or HOODOO, transitioning into the denser downtown area. As the lid meets Olive Way, a confluence or DELTA creates connections to the central lid and the the Capitol Hill and downtown neighborhoods.

**SITE PLAN**

**CIVIC AMENITY**

**SITE ACCESS**

**PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS**

**VEHICULAR CONNECTIONS**
1. **CAVE** - Entry portal serves as a gateway to the north edge of the lid. Landscaping above provides acoustic buffer to residential buildings beyond and integrates into stormwater infrastructure.

2. Stewart Street off ramp removed. Eastlake Avenue reduced to four lanes with a retail friendly sidewalk and a new bidirectional bike lane.

3. North plaza acts a mixing and gathering space for pedestrians.

4. A stair and elevator tower provides quick access to the lid above and creates a canvas for public mural art.

5. A mixture of affordable and work force housing provides housing access to the “missing middle” and reduces transportation congestion.

6. A grand stair and ramp brings pedestrians and bicyclists up the Eastlake frontage to the top of the lid.

7. Micro-retail and a vertical marketplace activate the street frontage.

8. A vertical urban farm serves the residents of the lid and marks the pivot point of the shift in the street grids at Stewart Street.

9. **HOODOO** Tower beyond.
1. Thomas Street stairway connects to grand stairway and ramp.

2. Light frame or mass timber housing provides sustainable density for the neighborhood.

3. CRAG - The vertical face of the lid is populated with small, micro-retail, similar to Pike’s Place Market.

4. A stair and elevator tower provides an accessible transition up to the lid above while supporting the vertical retail along Eastlake Ave.

5. A vertical urban farm provides food production access to lid residents and retailers. It provides a visual landmark to delineate the transition in elevation and the pivot point in the street grid shift.

6. A gracious recreational trail weaves pedestrians and cyclists through the common grounds of the lid.

7. New terraced green space creates civic community space below while providing pedestrian transition from lid to Stewart Street.

KEY PLAN
1. Civic community space underneath terraced lid extension serves as location for meetings, art displays and special events for the surrounding neighborhood.

2. A central green terraces down from the lid to Stewart Street, allowing for a pedestrian connection and a place to enjoy the afternoon sun.

3. Terraces and public pavilions buffer the terraces from Denny Way and provide for public event space.

4. **ARCH** - A sweeping arched platform spans Denny Way, allowing pedestrians and cyclists along the recreation trail to safely travel north - south. The platform serves as an outlook to the city beyond.

5. Office space spans above the lid, providing commercial density and allowing for a continuous connection through the site.

6. **HOODOO** Tower soars above the lid, integrating into the high density zones of downtown and providing a beacon for the lid development.